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PROMOTION OF FOREST PRODUCES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plans for promotion, collection and distribution of forest produces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total financial allocation made to the States under this plan during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change does not have any scheme for promotion, collection and distribution of forest produce. However, as a measure of social safety for Minor Forest Produce gatherers who are primarily members of scheduled tribes, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP" from the year 2013-14 onwards. The Scheme seeks to establish a system to ensure fair monetary returns for their efforts in collection, primary processing, storage, packaging, transportation etc. The Scheme also seeks to provide for the sharing of revenue from the sale proceeds after deducting the cost. The details of funds released under the above mentioned scheme since 2013-14 are given in the Annexure.